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Customer No. 37833

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE PATENT APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANT : **ANDREW D. RICE**

APPL. NO. : **10/816,918**

ART UNIT : **3643**

FILED : **April 5, 2004**

EXAMINER : **Y. ABBOTT**

FOR : **COVERED ANIMAL FEEDER WITH MOUNTING BRACKETS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 27, 2004. The initial period set for responding to this action expired on November 27, 2004.

Submitted with the present response is a **Petition for the Extension of Time** of three (3) months, and fee, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to February 27, 2005. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.